

## Post Study Abroad Evaluation

THE BASICS				
Your Name	SALLY CHAN			
Your Program of Study/Year	BA IN PSYCHOLOGY (4TH YEAR)			
Host Country	NEW ZEALAND			
Host School/Agency	UNITEC			
Participation Dates	FEB - JUNE 2010			
Type of Study Abroad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exchange	<input type="checkbox"/> Practicum	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Section 1				
GENERAL EVALUATION				
Please rate your overall exchange experience on a scale of 1 to 10 (one being poor and 10 being exceptional)			7.5	
In a couple of sentences, explain why you rated your experience the way you did.	The experience was great, however, there were administrative problems that I ran into.			
Section 2				
ARRIVAL				
How difficult was it for you to obtain your travel documents (visa, etc.)? *Always verify immigration regulations with the consulate or embassy of your host country*	It was not difficult, however, it took a long time to process & did not arrive until a month prior to my departure.			
Describe your transportation arrangements to your host country. Would you change any part of those arrangements?	Flew to Melbourne first as a stop over - then over to Auckland. No problems at all.			
How was your experience clearing customs and immigration upon arrival in your host country? Any surprises?	No problems at all.			
Describe how you traveled to your host facility. How long did it take and how much did it cost?	Direct shuttle transfer from airport. \$30 NZD			
Section 3				
ORIENTATION AND ASSISTANCE				

How satisfied were you with the orientation and assistance available to at your host school/agency.	Very satisfied.
What help did you receive from the international staff or office? What was your impression of the international staff or office?	They were very nice!
What was the orientation like at your partner university, if there was one? How well did it suit your needs?	It was great!! It was very interactive and fun! They went over all important issues and offered contacts
What was it like to adjust to the culture of your exchange site? Were there people you could talk to about what you were experiencing?	Not difficult at all → NZ ppl are very similar to Canadians. my flatmates were great!
How receptive were the local people in providing assistance?	Very receptive.

#### Section 4

##### HOUSING

Describe your accommodation arrangements.	5 bedroom apartment w/ 2 bathrooms
How early could you move into housing before term and how long after the end of term were you allowed to stay?	You can move-in weeks prior to start of semester if it's available → you just need to pay.
How comfortable were you with your accommodation?	It was clean, functional, and had enough space.
Describe what you did about meals and what other options were available. How satisfied were you with the food?	We mostly cooked our meals at home, although there are take-out places near the campus.
How close was your accommodation to where you had to study?	very close - 5 min walk.

#### Section 5

##### COURSE REGISTRATION

Please describe the registration process at your host institution. What	VERY DIFFICULT!! SCHEDULE KEPT CHANGING/ CANCELLED!!
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assistance was available to you? Were you satisfied?	Bronwyn was very helpful, but it <sup>was</sup> out of her position to help.
How successful were you in registering for classes? What advice would you offer to another exchange student about how to register at your host institution?	Registration was difficult → did not get courses I wanted → was not in the same program as I study. I would recommend the next exchange student to start early & research on courses.
How many courses did you take per semester? What course load would you recommend for future students? What particular courses would you recommend to other students?	I took 4 courses - that was a good course load. Cannot recommend any courses..

### Section 6

#### ACADEMICS

How satisfied were you with the amount of knowledge/skills you obtained from your host?	Not satisfied.
How did the style of teaching compare with that in Canada? How did the workload compare to what you would expect in Canada?	Very laid back - very relaxed
How many courses did you take during your time abroad?	4
What impact did the language barrier have on your learning?	None.
What was your impression of the computer facilities, library, internet access, specialized equipment and supplies available at your host facility?	Up to date.

### Section 7

#### COSTS

Books and Supplies - per term	\$ 21 NZD
Flight	\$ 1500 CAD
Accommodation - per month	\$ 745 NZD
Meals - per month	\$ 150 NZD
Local transportation - per	\$ 50 NZD

month	
Health insurance – per term	~ \$250 CAD
Communications (internet, phone, etc.) – per term	\$50 NZD
Travel documents (passport, entry visa, etc.)	\$160 CAD
Vaccinations	/
Personal Spending (eg. entertainment and extra travel) – per term	\$2000 NZD
What unexpected costs did you encounter? What items were less or more expensive than you expected?	MY LAPTOP BROKE DOWN & I HAD TO BUY A NEW ONE.

### Section 8

EXTRA-CURRICULAR/SOCIAL ACTIVITIES	
How satisfied were you with the out-of-class opportunities at your host site?	VERY SATISFIED
What organized activities (clubs, sports, etc.) were available to you while in your host country? What extra-curricular activities would you recommend to future students?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MANY OUT TRIPS</li> <li>- SOCCER TOURNAMENTS</li> <li>- FREE CONCERTS</li> <li>- CARNIVALS</li> <li>- I would recommend to join USU (student association)</li> </ul>
What opportunities were there to work or volunteer. Did you require special permits to do this?	I couldn't work → visa did not allow
What do you recommend other visiting students see or do on their weekends or holidays?	Go explore everywhere!!

### Section 9

SAFETY AND HEALTH	
Describe any safety concerns you had during your experience.	N/A

### Section 10

PERSONAL AND CULTURAL CONNECTIONS	
What was it like making friends? How successful were	very easy since I lived on campus, but more international students than locals

you at making friends with local (i.e., not international) people?	
What was it like to adjust to the culture of your host site?	Not difficult
What, if any, cultural differences did you find particularly challenging?	None.
What parts of the culture did you most appreciate?	Biculturalism w/ the <del>and</del> Maori
How were you treated by local people? By university staff and faculty? By students?	Very nice.
As far as you could tell, how easy would it be for students with disabilities to study at your partner university?	Shouldn't be a problem → except the campus accommodation did not have elevators.
For students who are visible minorities in your host country?	No problem - NZ very multicultural.
For students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered?	No problem

### Section 11

#### TAKING STOCK

What are the 5 most important things one should take with them when going to your host country or region?

- 1 Be open minded
- 2 Have ~~at~~ more than enough money
- 3 Be ready for changes (ex. schedules / courses)
- 4 Be ready to travel lots!!
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What are the 10 most important things you would tell another student who is going to your host facility/agency:

- 1 Try to keep in touch w/ the exchange coordinator at the host school to have up-to-date info on courses / schedules
- 2 BRING ENOUGH MONEY + EXTRA!
- 3 If you are staying at the village, read the handbook & prepare.
- 4 " " , be wary about building IS10
- 5 Go ahead & absorb the ~~the~~ Maori culture
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